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BACKGROUND ON SELECTED RWANDA ISSUES  
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APC's for UNAMIR

- o We have agreed to lease 50 APC's to the UN for use by UNAMIR in Rwanda. Delivery of these APC's will facilitate deployment of additional UNAMIR troops.
- o We were ready to begin shipping the APC's from Germany to Kampala-(Entebbe)-this past weekend,-but-the-UN-asked-us-to delay shipment a few days to allow the UN to complete shipment and delivery of 10 APC's being transferred from Somalia.
- o The U.S.-leased APC's are now scheduled to begin arriving on Friday (June 24), although an initial shipment of 5 could arrive as early as Wednesday (June 22). Shipment of all 50 is expected to be completed by the following Wednesday (June 29).
- o U.S. runway survey personnel arrived in Uganda on June 20, and an air logistics team will arrive today (Tues. June 21) to pave the way for the shipments.
- o The UN will then transport the APC's by truck from Entebbe/Kampala into Rwanda.

Radio Incitements to Violence

- o There are three radio stations in Rwanda: Government-owned Rwandan radio, RPF-run clandestine Radio Muhabura, and RTLM (Radio Mille Collines), a private station run by Hutu extremists.
- o From the begin of the crisis, RTLM has been broadcasting inflammatory messages inciting the population to violence against the Tutsi minority.
- o Although the RPF attacked RTLM headquarters early on and knocked the station off the air temporarily, the station subsequently began broadcasting intermittently from a mobile transmitter, with a very weak signal.
- o There are both legal and technological limitations on jamming these mobile, intermittent RTLM broadcasts.
- o We are investigating the possibility of transmitting competing programming. We are looking into the availability of excess transmitters that might be used for this purpose.